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2. In claim 8, line 4, delete "or hydrate of a salt thereof,".
 3. In claim 11, lines ⁵⁻⁶ ~~5~~ and ⁸⁻⁹ ~~8~~, delete "or hydrate of a salt thereof,".
 4. In claim 16, line 3, delete ", or hydrate of a salt thereof".

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In light of Applicant's amendment, claims 6-11, 13-17, and 25-30 are allowed and renumbered to claims 1-17.

In light of Applicant's amendment, the 103 (a) rejections over Magee (2002/0111495) in view of Calatayud (5,482,934) and over Keller (6,645,466) in view of Magee (2002/0111495) and Calatayud (5,482,934) are withdrawn.

In light of applicant's amendment and arguments, the 103 (a) rejections over Magee (2002/0111495) in view of Calatayud (5,482,934) and over Keller (6,645,466) in view of Magee (2002/0111495) and Calatayud (5,482,934) are withdrawn.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 6-11, 13-17, and 25-30 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition or method of treating airway diseases comprising the aforementioned composition comprising a fixed combination of ciclesonide or an epimers thereof in combination with R,R-formoterol or a salt, in an administration form suitable for inhalative administration by means of a